

But in February, the agency sent a letter to foster care institutions indicating that staff should make oral reports to social workers during business hours and to the hotline during evenings and weekends. Yesterday, the agency said that the 24-hour hotline, 202-671—SAFE, should always be used.

In addition, the agency said it will refer violations of the reporting requirements for prosecution and push for an increase in the penalties for violators. Currently, failure to report abuse or neglect is punishable by a fine of up to \$100 or imprisonment for up to 30 days.

Staff researchers Bobbye Pratt and Karl Evanzz contributed to this report.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JONATHAN W. WEISS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Jonathan Weiss has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Jonathan Weiss has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Jonathan Weiss has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Jonathan Weiss must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 401, the residents of Jefferson County, and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Jonathan W. Weiss as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING SPECTRUM IN MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Spectrum, Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Concerns, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Spectrum began its work in 1982, under the leadership of Rev. Janie Spahr, and with the direction of Executive Director Paula Pilecki, Spectrum has continued to pursue its mission to "strengthen, mobilize and serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning people, and promote acceptance, understanding and full inclusion in Marin County."

Spectrum is the only organization in Marin County that focuses exclusively on addressing the needs of LGBT people. In twenty years, over 1,000 volunteers have helped tens of thousands of people come together to speak out against fear and discrimination. Spectrum works with a national network of social justice advocates to make the world a more inclusive and safe place for all people. Spectrum recognizes that in a diverse community, it is important that people learn to respect each other and their differences.

Spectrum plays an active role in the community, providing outreach programs that edu-

cate the community on LGBT people and provide systems of support for LGBT people. Spectrum's Speakers Bureau makes presentations to elementary, middle and high schools, colleges and community groups. Volunteer speakers share their personal stories to dispel myths and stereotypes about LGBT people. Spectrum's program, Rainbow's End, provides support for LGBT and questioning youth, 14–19 years old. Community Connections focuses on LGBT seniors providing peer support, facilitating social groups and educational forums.

Mr. Speaker, Spectrum has played a pivotal role in the LGBT community. The support they provide to LGBT people and the education they provide to the public has had an everlasting effect on Marin County.

COMMENDING THE PUBLICATION OF "TO LIFE: STORIES OF COURAGE AND SURVIVAL TOLD BY HAMPTON ROADS HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS LIBERATORS AND RESCUERS"

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the publication of "To Life: Stories of Courage and Survival as told by Hampton Roads Holocaust Survivors, Liberators, and Rescuers."

I also wish to bring to the attention of the House of Representatives the following statement issued by Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, upon publication by the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater of the book "To Life: Stories Of Courage and Survival told by Hampton Roads Holocaust Survivors, Liberators and Rescuers." Rabbi Zoberman, son of Polish Holocaust survivors, and his daughter Rachel are among the contributing authors.

STATEMENT OF RABBI ZOBERMAN

Out of the depths of Jewish anguish and an aching human soul, with much trepidation to disclose accounts so personal and intimate yet with a compelling need to unburden heavy-laden hearts, reaching out to connect across a separating abyss, this—courageously, convincingly and caringly—shared tales of woes and victories is an enduring gift of Tikvah, reassuring hope for generations.

Out of the Shoah's poisonous fires still threatening to consume civilization, hope is painstakingly garnered and guarded from the midst of despair, a reminder of humanity's capacity to stand up to indefinite evil—physically, psychologically and spiritually—to ensure that infinite goodness will be the lot of all God's children.

Hope that dreams dashed by blind hatred and boundless cruelty perverting the divine image within us cannot ultimately be destroyed by demonic depravity deposited in the recesses of human depravity. While affirming the Holocaust's uniqueness we recall with horror the September 11th, 2001 terrorist strikes and the genocidal wars in Cambodia, Rwanda and Bosnia, further diminishing us. Hope that life's sacred and sweet essence of creative potential, more imperative, fulfilling relations and maturing growth will prevail over the stifling emptiness of a culture of death. Hope that the holiness in the

victims' lives, symbolized by the flickering Sabbath lights, is within reach in spite of history's harsh winds. Hope that glorious Israel reborn, the surviving remnant facing continued trials and tribulations, will ever be a fitting testimony to its martyred people's inspiring bequest of prophetic values and undying faith. Hope filled with lasting gratitude that the United States of America, home and haven to the persecuted and oppressed, a weary humanity's best and last beacon of light, will retain its great pluralistic vision. It valiantly defeated Nazism and it will win as well its war on global terrorism.

Our heroic survivors, rescuers and liberators have entered portals not one else has, a land only they traversed, leaving behind lost dear ones safe from hurt and humiliation under the Shechina's broken wings. They dared remember, recall and retell for memory empowers the living and is the dead's lasting memorial. Rebuilding and healing their lives in Hampton Roads, the survivors along with their children and grandchildren provide us with indelible past and present lessons of perseverance, purpose and promise. The treasured candles of their cherished lives will brightly shine, eternal watch and witness, kindling a path for shalom's blessing to yes highlight a global community at harmonious peace.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this important publication to all Members of the House of Representatives. The stories of Holocaust survivors must be documented and told again and again. In doing so, we will ensure that such inhumane horror will remain present forever in our collective conscience, so that we, above all else, will never let this dark chapter in our history ever repeat itself.

A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING MORNING JOURNAL

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, the Morning Journal published in Lisbon, Ohio will celebrate its 150th anniversary on September 15, 2002; and

Whereas, the Morning Journal started as The Buckeye State in 1852 and became the Evening Journal in 1909; and

Whereas, the Morning Journal has grown to become the largest newspaper in Columbiana County; and

Whereas, the Morning Journal serves its community with publication seven days a week;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in recognizing the Morning Journal on September 15, 2002 its 150th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING ROSELLE, MICHAEL HINGSON'S GUIDE DOG, FOR HER BRAVERY AT WORLD TRADE CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 11

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roselle, a yellow Labrador dog, whose